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1 THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA (GOA) HAS INFORMED EMBASSY
THAT IT HAS VIRTUALLY BEEN STRIPPED BARE FOR THE MTN
NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. DUPTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER
FOR TRADE AND RESOURCES ANTHONY LEFT FOR GENEVA ON MONDAY AS
DID MINISTER FOR SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIONS (STR)
GARLAND AFTER HAVING RETURNED FROM EUROPE TO REPORT TO
CABINET.

2. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ANTHONY AND MINISTER GARLAND ARE JOINED BY LARGE DELEGATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF TRADE AND RESOURCES; THE STR; BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (WHICH HANDLES THE BUEARU OF CUSTOMS); DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY; AND, AS FOR THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, THE GENEVA DELEGATION IS LARGELY STAFFED WITH DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY EXPERTS AND DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALISTS, WHILE THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION IN GENEVA HAS IN ADDITION, A SPECIAL DELEGATION FOR THE MTN COMPRISED OF SENIOR PUBLIC SERVANTS FROM VIRTUALLY EVERY DEPARTMENT OF THE GOA.

3. THUS, THE GOA ASSURES US THAT IT IS PREPARED TO TALK BUSINESS IN GENEVA AND TO HAVE ITS MINISTERS STAY THERE AS LONG AS IS NECESSARY. MOREOVER, ITS REPRESENTATIVES ARE EMPOWERED TO MAKE NECESSARY DECISIONS THAT WILL ENBABLE AUSTRALIA HOPEFULLY TO RESPOND IN THE EXPECTED DIFFICULT DECISION-MAKEING PROCESS AND FULLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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